

Operator's Manual

“If You Want Peace, Prepare for War” – Jim Burgen

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Group Creed

We come together as a Group with the goal of Spiritual Formation; encouraging one another to become the same kind of person that Jesus is, so that we can live out every part of our lives inside of His Kingdom.

Bible References: Luke 11:21-23 and Ephesians 6:10-14

Community:

1. Are you feeling attacked right now in life? If so, what are you battling?

Core:

1. Do you currently have a strategy to: be the man God's called you to be or find the kind of man who is truly pursuing to be the man God's called him to be?
2. **Read Luke 11:21-23.** Jesus is speaking about spiritual attacks here. Where do you think you've dropped your guard and allowed the enemy to attack and overcome you?
3. **Read Ephesians 6:10-14.** The Apostle Paul tells us that our struggles aren't against flesh and blood, but against spiritual powers. What is your initial thought about this idea of a spiritual war being waged around you?
4. Jim talked about the spiritual battles in our lives being played out in our physical world. What are some of the real, tangible battles you're dealing with in this physical world and what are you doing spiritually to combat these attacks?
5. After looking at the Belt of Truth (v. 14), Jim said, "*God's Truth is what God says is true and how God says every part of life works best.*" He also said we need to identify the lies and fight for truth. What are some of the lies you see today that contradict God's truth?

Challenge:

Jim gave a good, two-step strategy to recognize what's true, and what's not true, and what's threatening families. (1) Read and study God's Word to learn, and recognize, His definition of truth (2) Be in church to hear how God's Word and truth are applied to real life. This week, commit to reading God's word by reading (and re-reading) Ephesians 6:10-18, then make a commitment to you, and your family, to come back to church next weekend.